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Date: 15th century

1 a : neither perpendicular nor parallel : **INCLINED** **b** : having the axis not perpendicular to the base <an *oblique* cone> **c** : having no right angle <an *oblique* triangle>

2 a : not straightforward : **INDIRECT**; *also* : **OBSCURE** **b** : **DEVIOUS, UNDERHANDED**

3 : situated obliquely and having one end not inserted on bone <*oblique* muscles>

4 : taken from an airplane with the camera directed horizontally or diagonally downward <an *oblique* photograph>

- **oblique-ly** *adverb*

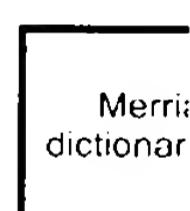
- **oblique-ness** *noun*



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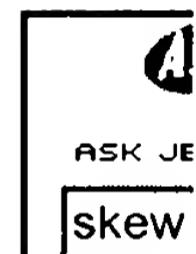
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Main Entry: **1skew**

Pronunciation: 'skyü

Function: *verb*

Etymology: Middle English, to escape, skew, from Old North French *escuer* to shun, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *sciuhēn* to frighten off -- more at [SHY](#)

Date: 15th century

intransitive senses

1 : to take an oblique course

2 : to look askance

transitive senses

1 : to make, set, or cut on the skew

2 : to distort especially from a true value or symmetrical form

<*skewed* statistical data>

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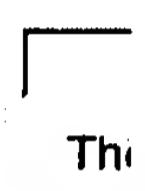
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Main Entry: **1line**

Pronunciation: 'lin

Function: *noun*

Usage: *often attributive*

Etymology: Middle English; partly from Old French *ligne*, from Latin *linea*, from feminine of *lineus* made of flax, from *linum* flax; partly from Old English *lIne*; akin to Old English *lIn* flax -- more at **LINEN**

Date: before 12th century

1 a : **THREAD, STRING, CORD, ROPE**: as (1) : a comparatively strong slender cord (2) : **CLOTHESLINE** (3) : a rope used on shipboard **b** (1) : a device for catching fish consisting of a cord with hooks and other fishing gear (2) : scope for activity : **ROPE** **c** : a length of material used in measuring and leveling **d** : piping for conveying a fluid (as steam) **e** (1) : a wire or pair of wires connecting one telegraph or telephone station with another or a whole system of such wires; *also* : any circuit in an electronic communication system (2) : a telephone connection <tried to get a *line*>; *also* : an individual telephone extension <a call on *line* 2> (3) : the principal circuits of an electric power system

2 a (1) : a horizontal row of written or printed characters; *also* : a blank row in lieu of such characters (2) : a unit in the rhythmic structure of verse formed by the grouping of a number of the smallest units of the rhythm (as metrical feet) (3) : an often numbered section of a computer program containing a single command or a small number of commands **b** : a short letter : **NOTE** **c plural** : a certificate of marriage **d** : the words making up a part



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in a drama -- usually used in plural **e** : any of the successive horizontal rows of picture elements on the screen of a cathode-ray tube (as a television screen)

3 a : something (as a ridge or seam) that is distinct, elongated, and narrow **b** : a narrow crease (as on the face) : **WRINKLE** **c** : the course or direction of something in motion : **ROUTE** **d** (1) : a state of agreement or conformity : **ACCORDANCE** (2) : a state of order, control, or obedience <you're getting out of *line*> **e** : a boundary of an area <the state *line*> **f** : the track and roadbed of a railway **g** : an amount of cocaine that is arranged in a line to be inhaled through the nose

4 a : a course of conduct, action, or thought **b** : a field of activity or interest **c** : a glib often persuasive way of talking

5 a : **LIMIT**, **RESTRAINT** **b** *archaic* : position in life : **LOT**

6 a (1) : **FAMILY**, **LINEAGE** (2) : a strain produced and maintained especially by selective breeding or biological culture (3) : a chronological series **b** : dispositions made to cover extended military positions and presenting a front to the enemy -- usually used in plural **c** : a military formation in which the different elements are abreast of each other **d** : naval ships arranged in a regular order **e** (1) : the combatant forces of an army distinguished from the staff corps and supply services (2) : the force of a regular navy **f** (1) : officers of the navy eligible for command at sea distinguished from officers of the staff (2) : officers of the army belonging to a combatant branch **g** : an arrangement or placement of persons or objects of one kind in an orderly series <a *line* of trees> <stand on *line*> <waiting in *line*>; *also* : the persons or objects so positioned <the *line* moved slowly at the bank> **h** (1) : a group of public conveyances plying regularly under one management over a route (2) : a system of transportation together with its equipment, routes, and appurtenances; *also* : the company owning or operating it **i** : a succession of musical notes especially considered in melodic phrases **j** (1) : an arrangement of operations in manufacturing permitting sequential occurrence on various stages of production (2) : the personnel of an organization that are responsible for its stated objective **k** (1) : the 7 players including center, 2 guards, 2 tackles, and 2 ends who in offensive football play line up on or within one foot of the line of scrimmage (2) : the players who in defensive play line up within one yard of the line of scrimmage

7 : a narrow elongated mark drawn or projected: as **a** (1) : a circle of latitude or longitude on a map (2) : **EQUATOR** **b** : a mark (as on a map) recording a boundary, division, or contour **c** : any of the horizontal parallel strokes on a music staff on or between which notes are placed -- compare **SPACE** **d** : a mark (as by pencil) that forms part of the formal design of a picture distinguished from the shading or color **e** : a division on a bridge score dividing the score for bonuses from that for tricks **f** (1) : a demarcation of a limit with reference to which the playing of some game or sport is regulated -

- usually used in combination (2) : a marked or imaginary line across a playing area (as a football field) parallel to the end line (3) : **LINE OF SCRIMMAGE**
- 8 : a straight or curved geometric element that is generated by a moving point and that has extension only along the path of the point : **CURVE**
- 9 **a** : a defining outline : **CONTOUR** **b** : a general plan : **MODEL** -- usually used in plural
- 10 **a** *chiefly British* : **PICA** -- used to indicate the size of large type **b** : the unit of fineness of halftones expressed as the number of screen lines to the linear inch
- 11 : merchandise or services of the same general class for sale or regularly available
- 12 **a** : a source of information : **INSIGHT** **b** : betting odds offered by a bookmaker especially on a sporting event
- 13 : a complete game of 10 frames in bowling -- called also *string*
- 14 : **LINE DRIVE**
- **liny** *also lin·ey*  /'lin-nee/ *adjective*
- **between the lines** **1** : by implication : in an indirect way **2** : by way of inference
- **down the line** : all the way : **FULLY**
- **in line for** : due or in a position to receive
- **on line** : in or into operation
- **on the line** **1** : in complete commitment and at great risk <puts his future *on the line* by backing that policy> **2** : on the border between two categories **3** : **IMMEDIATELY** <paid cash *on the line*>

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